



CIVIC PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

The **Civic Participation and Community Engagement (CPCE)** activity supports civil society organizations to better advocate and serve their communities, increasing citizen engagement and participation. There are over 3,000 registered Community Service Organizations (CSOs) in the West Bank and Gaza. Palestinian CSOs play a key role in providing basic services in the region. As of June 2022, CPCE signed 14 subaward grants totaling \$854,770 to Palestinian civil society organizations, many of them focused on providing leadership opportunities for women and youth to effect positive change in their communities. The project will make up to 25 subawards to advanced basic democratic freedoms and common goals shared between the American and Palestinian people.

Al Majd Society for Community Development (\$25,000), in collaboration with students from the Arab American University and Al-Quds Open University, provides training, coaching, and mentoring to 50 youth in Jenin to support participatory learning, community leadership, and implement three youth-led initiatives to improve youth civic participation.

Caritas Jerusalem (CJ) (\$62,000) promotes access to career and entrepreneurship skills for 125 young social entrepreneurs in Marj Ibn Amer Area- Jenin. The activity supports career and skills training, employment matchmaking services for youth, and youth-designed initiatives. Additionally, CJ supports 300 students with career counseling and growth opportunities to fulfill the needs of the labor market.

The Charity for Youth Engagement & Empowerment (CYEE) (\$76,000) supports 60 emerging female leaders who address what they identify as the significant absence of young, female representation in their communities. The "Women in Action" activity equips young women with the knowledge, skills, best practices, and experience to become promoters and advocates for female representation in their communities.

Community Development and Continuing Education Institute (CDCE-I) (\$78,000) encourages youth participation and accountability in local governance through 13 Local Youth Councils and 11 Social Accountability Committees in 23 communities. These committees enable youth to take ownership of their communities and provide early opportunities to develop leadership skills and community participation.

Hebron Youth Development Resource Center (YDRC) (\$73,000) uses media campaigns and group discussions to transform social norms that perpetuate gender based violence (GBV) with a focus on youth engagement. The activity will gather focus groups to determine the largest challenges around GBV prevention and train 160 youth on media campaign skills and implement four initiatives to mobilize local youth as agents for change in marginalized communities in Hebron.

Holy Land Trust (HLT) (\$41,000) takes steps to address the inequities that lead to GBV by training 30 women from marginalized communities. Training includes leadership, social and vocational skills. In addition, the activity implements a media campaign to promote women's rights and economic engagement. Holy Land Trust will implement 20 women-led business initiatives to improve women's economic participation.

INJAZ Palestine (\$45,366) removes obstacles preventing youth from integrating into civic action, economic empowerment, and informal education. INJAZ trains professionals from community-based organizations and the private sector to implement education workshops for over 500 students for improved civic participation. Additionally, INJAZ will host an innovation camp for 40 youth to develop initiatives that solve common problems in their communities.

Institute of Modern Media (IMM) - Al-Quds University (\$59,000) addresses the workforce gender gap among university graduates by promoting and supporting 50 women-led entrepreneurial initiatives across the West Bank. The project advocates for inclusiveness of vulnerable communities in the workforce, including persons with disabilities, focusing on women with hearing impairments.

The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre (JPBC) (\$59,000) empowers and advocates for 270 mothers and their children with disabilities. JPBC engages mothers to design training curricula for parents and community-based rehabilitation organizations in caregiving, advocacy, and community mobilization for youth with disabilities. The activity encourages early support for youth with disabilities, increases accountability of public-sector service delivery, and improves access for children with disabilities.

Juhoud for Community and Rural Development (\$75,000) empowers 125 youth (at least 50% women), including persons with disabilities, in five communities in Ramallah and Salfit governorates. In partnership with community based organizations and local governments, Juhoud enhances youth life skills through leadership and financial skills training and implementation of five initiatives designed by youth to increase community participation for the next generation.

MAAN TV Network (\$90,000) creates a youth steering committee representing the North, Central, and South of the West Bank. The committee creates, facilitates and coordinates three youth advocacy networks through 30 youth representatives (including journalists and those trained in media). Maan empowers youth by delivering specialized, practical modern media training and implementing youth-led media activities to promote accountability and transparency and create change.

Palestinian Center for Communication and Development Studies- PCCDS/Hebron (\$26,670) empowers and trains 100 young women aged 18-28 to raise community awareness and support community and social initiatives around issues that affect young women. Through the activity, youth will design and implement four initiatives focused on social change for women's empowerment.

Partners for Sustainable Development (PSD) (\$72,000) supports 100 secondary school and university graduates to take steps toward a sustainable community and encourage social engagement. The activity provides life skills training and further educational opportunities. The approach enhances youth creativity and innovation to develop an entrepreneurial spirit and mindset by identifying and addressing community challenges through 20 youth-led initiatives. Additionally, the activity will provide links to incubators to extend opportunities beyond the life of the project.

Roles for Social Change Association-ADWAR (\$70,000) supports women's empowerment in select local communities through developing four women committees and workshops targeting both men and women on issues related to gender equality. The activity will launch a Women's Council, in addition to the existing Men's Council, and facilitate discussions between the two, and between women and local decision makers, to expand meaningful dialogue and accountability for women's issues. The activity will work in targeted local communities in Bethlehem and Hebron governorates.